

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph after page 5, line 2:

--A preferred embodiment of the invention pertains to an electrofusion joint made of a thermoplastic resin that includes a saddle portion provided with heating wires embedded in its seating surface to be joined to an outer circumferential surface of a resin pipe, a spigot projecting from the saddle portion or projecting in a lateral direction from a trunk portion projecting from the saddle portion and to which a branch pipe is to be connected, and collar portions formed on both sides of the saddle portion so that a latch of a clamping device can be engaged, wherein a recess is formed only on a collar portion side in an entire circumference of a base of the spigot or the trunk portion.--